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Statement

The theme for the 2016 session of the Economic and Social Council "implementing the post-2015 development agenda: moving from commitments to results" and the goal of the 2016 High Level Political Forum (HLPF) "Ensuring that no one is left behind" can be addressed with an integrative political social-economic infrastructure that includes partnership programs between civil society, Non-Governmental organizations, businesses and international corporations, an "ECOSOC HLPF PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM".

We recommend that all Non-Governmental Organizations with ECOSOC Special Consultative Status be partnered with a corporation, business or financial institution that generates more than 3.7 million US dollars a year through an "ECOSOC HLPF PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM". Each partner will work together to ensure they are aligned with HLPF goals and achieve quantitative and qualitative results by ensuring the financial and administrative support to the NGO's mission in alignment with the 2030 Agenda and HLPF goals, then meet annually to discuss outcomes and results.

Cubraiti, Inc. believes there is a direct correlation between the people and the land. To "Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystem, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss as HLPF goal number 15 states, is to protect, restore and promote sustainable life forms and the diversity of human life systems.

In a world where economically disadvantaged peoples voices and their cultural traditions are suppressed by colonialism, corporatism, genocide, war and modern-day slavery, children, youth and adults are left adrift and cut off from their own cultural, artistic and ancestral traditions. Far too often, those from a privileged economic background have access to the arts as a medium for self-realization.

Access to the arts has been increasingly denied to children and youth according to their economic standing. This must be challenged so that all can have an opportunity to grow, learn and flourish through self-expression and creativity, ensuring that no one is left behind. Access to healing arts such as music, dance, art, crafts, writing, painting, story-telling, healing traditions and artistic expression, must be granted as a fundamental human right.

Cubraiti, Inc. not only advocates for arts as a human right but also believes that a sustainable approach to the 2030 Agenda and HLPF goals can be implemented effectively through a direct political social-economic partnership formed between corporations and NGOs.

The implementation of a viable "ECOSOC HLPF PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM", that enables an accredited NGO to adopt goals according to its mission and implement sustainable change, will not only help create a more inclusive and global society, but will help create a world politically, artistically, economically and socially just. Implementing such a pathway will allow our youth, political leaders and civil society to be engaged by voices that honour the planet, animals and human diversity.